

Minutes

April 19, 2018

Veterans Policy Advisory Committee

A meeting of the Veterans Policy Advisory Committee (VPAC) convened at 11:00 AM at the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

A notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

The following members were present:

William L. (Bill) Bethea, Jr. (Chairman), Col (Ret) Dan Beatty, Lt Gen (Ret) Jack Klimp, Col (Ret) Barry Wingard, Sgt Maj (Ret) Howard Metcalf (Director, SC Veterans Affairs), Grey Parks (Dept of Employment and Workforce), and Todd Humphries (Ex Officio, President, SC Association of County Veterans Affairs Officers).

Guests attending were Susan McPherson (Columbia Chamber of Commerce), Charlie Farrell (Executive Coordinator, SC Military Base Task Force), Haidee Stith (Director of Communications, SC Military Base Task Force), and Sandy Claypoole (Program Manager, SC Military Base Task Force).

Bill Bethea called the meeting to order. No members of the press were in attendance.

The minutes from the January 23rd meeting were approved.

Jack Klimp - Final Review of Report to Governor

Jack reviewed a PowerPoint of the information compiled for the Governor's report. He also suggested we add a Mission Statement and a paragraph explaining the process used to reach these recommendations. The rest of the committee agreed.

Bill Bethea – Legislative Strategy

Compacts are becoming a way to reduce the long wait for military spouses trying to get licensure after a move. We have bills in the Senate now dealing with compacts. We're also working with LLR (Labor, Licensing and Regulation) to allow licenses from other states.

The Task Force will work with the State Chamber to try again to pass the military retirement exemption.

The motion was made and approved to submit the report to the Governor.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Claypoole

